



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

OGAWA, Masashi, et al.

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For: METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED  
FOR SAID METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, dated October 3, 2002, Applicants elect **Group III**, claims 3 and 5, for examination. This election is made **without traverse**.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-18.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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